Socio-Environmental (S-E) Approaches to Watershed Management and Governance

**Deadline:**
Jan 10, 2020

**Workshop Dates:** February 19–21, 2020 in Annapolis, Maryland

**To Apply:** [https://apply.sesync.org/proposal/welcome/2020W-092](https://apply.sesync.org/proposal/welcome/2020W-092)

**Overview**

The National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC) invites applicants for the first workshop in the Socio-Environmental (S-E) Early-Career Researchers Program, titled "S-E Approaches to Watershed Management and Governance." This workshop will provide an opportunity for recent PhDs and PhD candidates interested in learning about S-E research related to watershed management and governance.

**Details**

This thematic workshop invites scholars and professionals analyzing, evaluating, and/or synthesizing the natural, social, or actionable elements associated with watershed management and governance. This may include but is not limited to the biophysical elements (e.g., quality, quantity, flow, effects of climate change, etc.), the social significance (e.g., access, cost, and right to clean water, etc.), and the strategies (e.g., resource economics, governance) to significantly improve understanding or inform socio-environmental decision making or policies.

Workshop attendees will participate in activities designed to:

1. Immerse participants in the theories and the methods foundational to understanding current environmental challenges related to watershed management and governance
2. Introduce the skills needed to work in collaborative research, including developing interdisciplinary questions and applying systems thinking
3. Expand their professional network through thoughtful discussions and interactions with 15-20 Early-Career Researchers and a few Distinguished Scholars.
4. Introduce workshop attendees to other SESYNC programs and opportunities.

**Distinguished Scholars**

This workshop's Distinguished Scholars will be Dr. James Knighton of SESYNC; Dr. Elizabeth Koebele of the University of Nevada, Reno; Dr. Jampel Dell’Angelo of the Institute for Environmental Studies, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam; Dr. John Sabo of Arizona State University; Dr. Mark Lubell of the University of California, Davis; and Dr. Amy Rosemond of the University of Georgia. For more information about these Scholars, please visit the [Workshop page](https://www.sesync.org).
Who Should Apply

To be eligible, applicants must hold a doctoral degree in any natural, physical, or social science discipline and be working in an area related to watershed management and governance. Applicants may be affiliated with any organization or institution, including universities, NGOs, government agencies, other research institutions, or the business sector.

SESYNC encourages applications from underrepresented U.S. minorities (African Americans; American Indians, including Native Alaskans; Hispanics; and Native Pacific Islanders) and persons with disabilities. Please see the National Science Foundation's policy on Broadening Participation for more information on such efforts. Researchers working outside the U.S. and non-U.S. citizens are welcome to apply.

Costs and Travel

There is no cost to attend, although space is limited. Travel to SESYNC will be provided along with private accommodations in accordance with SESYNC’s travel policies. Additionally, SESYNC will provide lunch each day and reimburse participants at a per diem rate for costs of breakfasts and dinners during the workshop. For full reimbursement, applicants must attend the workshop in its entirety.

How to Apply

Please review the eligibility and selection criteria before submitting an application.

Applicants are asked to complete a short questionnaire and submit the following items as a single PDF:

- Statement of Interest (no more than two pages)
  - Describing why the applicant would like to attend
  - Describing the applicant’s past and current research or related work in the field
  - Discussing how the applicant would benefit from participating in the selected S-E thematic workshop, including outlining challenges or constraints encountered so far
  - Discussing what the applicant may contribute to the workshop, and what they hope to gain from this experience
  - Demonstrating an enthusiasm and openness to new, inter-, or transdisciplinary interactions
  - Proving a strong commitment to attend the workshop in its entirety
- Applicant’s full C.V.
- Names and contact information for two professional references.

Applications missing any materials or exceeding page limits will not be considered.

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Questions?

Please contact Drs. Dave Hawthorne and Christine Maietta at education@sesync.org [4] with any questions. Please note that we are unable to pre-screen your application before the deadline.

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